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November 1, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: AL HAIG
SUBJECT: Channel with Tanaka

You asked what message was being held for Ambassador Ingersoll. It is a reply to his incoming message at Tab A which reported on his discussion with Prime Minister Tanaka concerning a private channel. Tanaka stated that he personally wanted to be the direct contact with Ingersoll. If the subject is not too sensitive, however, the contact can be made through Tanaka's private secretary, Konaga.

In your absence, I had sent an interim reply indicating that these arrangements seemed satisfactory and that I would have to discuss them with you upon your return. At Tab B is the message sent yesterday stating that you felt these arrangements were acceptable.

With all that you have to contend with at the present time I did not see any sense in bothering you with this matter since we have little choice but to accept Tanaka's recommendation. With regard to the Japanese who are our main leak problem, there cannot be any more secure channel than direct face-to-face contact between Tanaka and Ingersoll. From the standpoint of our own bureaucracy, we will have to put our trust in Ingersoll's independence. He has proven reliable thus far.

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FROM: Ambassador Ingersoll, Tokyo

TO: Henry A. Kissinger

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I pursued the matter of a private contact for the White House, a point which you had raised with the Prime Minister at Karuizawa and which you urged me to pursue at Hawaii.

2. He again replied that he would like to have me make the private contact with him whenever necessary and he will do the same through me if he wishes to send a private message to the White House.

3. If the contact is not quite so sensitive, he says that contact can be made through his private secretary, Konaga. He reiterated the fact that he has no other private contact that he would like to use for messages between the White House and himself.

4. If you have any other suggestions on this subject, I should be glad to pursue them.

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OCTOBER 30, 1972

TO: AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL, TOKYO
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TOKYO 207. I WANT TO CONFIRM GENERAL
HAIG'S INTERIM REPLY THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU OUTLINED FOR
PRIVATE CONTACTS WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ARE PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE.
WARM REGARDS.

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